

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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1 State of Arkansas  
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As Engrossed: S2/15/07

**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1293

5 By: Representative Pickett  
6 By: Senator Salmon  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO ALLOW A CIRCUIT COURT TO EXTEND THE  
11 DURATION OF AN ORDER OF PROTECTION; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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15 EXTEND THE DURATION OF AN ORDER OF  
16 PROTECTION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-15-205 is amended to read as follows:  
23 9-15-205. Relief generally - Duration.

24 (a) At the hearing on the petition, the circuit court may provide the  
25 following relief:

26 (1) Exclude the abusing party from the dwelling which the  
27 parties share or from the residence of the petitioner or victim;

28 (2) Exclude the abusing party from the place of business or  
29 employment, school, or other location of the petitioner or victim;

30 (3) Award temporary custody or establish temporary visitation  
31 rights with regard to minor children of the parties;

32 (4) Order temporary support for minor children or a spouse, with  
33 such support to be enforced in the manner prescribed by law for other child  
34 support and alimony awards;

35 (5) Allow the prevailing party a reasonable attorney's fee as



1 part of the costs;

2 (6) Prohibit the abusing party directly or through an agent from  
3 contacting the petitioner or victim except under specific conditions named in  
4 the order; and

5 (7)(A) Order such other relief as the circuit court deems  
6 necessary or appropriate for the protection of a family or household member.

7 (B) The relief may include, but not be limited to,  
8 enjoining and restraining the abusing party from doing, attempting to do, or  
9 threatening to do any act injuring, mistreating, molesting, or harassing the  
10 petitioner.

11 (b) Any relief granted by the circuit court for protection under the  
12 provisions of this chapter shall be for a fixed period of time not less than  
13 ninety (90) days nor more than ~~two (2)~~ ten (10) years in duration, in the  
14 discretion of the circuit court, and may be renewed at a subsequent hearing  
15 upon proof and a finding by the circuit court that the threat of domestic  
16 abuse still exists.

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